

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009**

PRESENT:	ROBERT J. CANNON	SUPERVISOR
	GEORGE FITZGERALD	CLERK
	WILLIAM SOWERBY	TREASURER
	ERNEST HORNUNG	TRUSTEE
	KEN PEARL	TRUSTEE
	DEAN REYNOLDS	TRUSTEE
	JENIFER WEST	TRUSTEE

ABSENT: **NONE**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers. Also in attendance was Jack Dolan, Township Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Fitzgerald noted that a Closed Session was going to be requested to be added for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations; however, Mr. Smith, the Human Resource Director, was called out of town for a funeral.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to approve the agenda as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Reynolds, Hornung, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Cannon made a public announcement in the interest of safety of the citizens of Clinton Township. He informed that there is someone sending out phony letters to residents, trying to make it appear as though the “City of Clinton Township” sent them out. Mr. Cannon stressed that this is a township, and is not referred to as “City of Clinton Township”. The letters advise residents that the Township will be conducting inspections for mold, and they are trying to arrange to go into homes this weekend. Mr. Cannon stressed that none of the departments in the Township would conduct business in this matter, and these are not legitimate letters. He advised that the Police have been contacted and they are trying to find out who sent out the letters.

Mr. Fitzgerald requested to read a memo into the record, dated June 13, 1994, regarding the Township’s policy for add-on items on the agenda. He explained that this was adopted because items were being added on at the last minute without adequate documentation being provided; therefore, it was often difficult to make a good decision based on what they were provided with at the last minute. He explained that unless the add-on is an emergency, he felt the policy discouraging add-ons should be followed.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – STATE REVOLVING FUND – PROJECT PLAN

Mr. Mitch O'Connor, Spalding DeDecker Associates, explained that the State Revolving Fund (SRF) is a low-interest loan to help communities fund infrastructure projects. The stimulus money is being distributed through this fund, so if they want to take advantage of the stimulus money, they must use the SRF. Mr. O'Connor summarized the Project Plan, including an estimated \$21.5 million to be spent in lead rehabilitation for sanitary sewer, relief sewer and wastewater flow redirection. The rehabilitation is anticipated to be done by April 2010 and the other work completed by October 2010, which meets the 2010 spending requirements. They will be working on residential water main replacements in three basic areas of the Township, which he outlined on a map. These neighborhoods were selected because of the number of breaks in the area. Mr. O'Connor explained that 25% principal forgiveness is given for clean water and 45% for drinking water.

Mr. O'Connor explained that, regarding the social and environmental impact, the projects will be bid with the prevailing wage and will require American-made materials to be used. The sewers will be trenchless so there will not be much of an impact on the environment.

Ms. Mary Bednar, Township Engineer, added that Mr. O'Connor will be coming back with another plan for "green projects" and that will be a separate project plan.

Motion by Mr. Reynolds, supported by Ms. West, to close the public hearing on the State Revolving Fund Project Plan and to receive and file the documentation as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Reynolds, West, Hornung, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

2. 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed the Proposed Funding Allocation for Fiscal Year 2009 and Reprogrammed Funds for the Community Development Block Grant Program, indicating the revenues and proposed expenditures.

Motion by Mr. Hornung, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive and file the letter dated March 31, 2009 from the Chairman of the Budget/Ways & Means Committee and approve the Funding Allocation for Fiscal Year 2009 and Reprogrammed Funds, as outlined. Roll Call: Ayes – Hornung, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

3. MANNED SECURITY CONTRACT – CIVIC CENTER

Mr. Fitzgerald advised that the bidders on this Contract were Ricco Security, Guardian Security and Ranco Security, with the low bidder being Ricco Security.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated March 18, 2009 from the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and award the bid for manned security services at the Clinton Township Civic Center to the low bidder, Ricco Security, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Pearl, Reynolds, Hornung, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

4. HERITAGE ESTATES ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Mr. Fitzgerald indicated that the bidders for this project were DeWulf Associates, SDA Architects and JFR Architects, with the low bidder being JFR Architects.

Motion by Mr. Reynolds, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated March 12, 2009 from the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and award the bid for Heritage Estates Architectural Services to JFR Architects, the low bidder, in the lump sum amount of \$9,472, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – Reynolds, Pearl, Hornung, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

5. CONFLICT WAIVER REQUEST

Mr. Dolan advised that the process for a waiver request is to receive the request and take no action at this time with the intent to take action at the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hornung, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive and file the request dated March 27, 2009 from the Fire Chief, with regard to a conflict waiver requested from Firefighter Aaron Rowe, as presented, and to place the matter on the next Board agenda for action. Roll Call: Ayes – Hornung, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

6. TEMPORARY SIGNS FOR FESTIVAL OF THE SENSES

Mr. Cannon noted that the signs done by local high school art students last year were well received, and this is a request to permit these once again this year. He felt it is a good project for the art students.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive and file the letter dated March 31, 2009 from the Chairperson for the Festival of the Senses and approve the request to exhibit 4-foot by 4-foot art boards, painted by local high school art students, along the fence of Resurrection Cemetery for two weeks prior the Festival of the Senses, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Reynolds, Hornung, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

7. REQUEST TO ATTEND GREAT LAKES HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING CONFERENCE AND EXPO – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Mr. Hornung, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated March 27, 2009 from the Police Chief, and approve the request for Detective Terry Rooney to represent the Police Department at the Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference & Expo to be held in Grand Rapids from May 4th through 7th, with costs to be reimbursed by Homeland Security grant money. Roll Call: Ayes – Hornung, West, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

8. REQUEST TO WAIVE CONTRACTUAL VACATION DAY LIMIT

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated March 31, 2009 from the Human Resources Director and approve the request to waive the Article VII, Section C, Vacation Day Maximum, for Police Chief Fred Posavetz, and permit the rollover of eleven and one half excess days for use in the subsequent contract year, with the condition that the time must be used during the 2009-2010 contract year and the excess days are not subject to the buy-back provision of the contract. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, West, Reynolds, Hornung, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

9. WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated April 1, 2009 from the Chairperson of the Budget/Ways & Means Committee and approve the waiver of fees for Habitat for Humanity for the building of homes on Lots 17 and 24 on Howard Street, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Reynolds, Hornung, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2009 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Motion by Mr. Fitzgerald, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Fitzgerald, Reynolds, Hornung, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Hornung, supported by Mr. Fitzgerald, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Hornung, Fitzgerald, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Reynolds, Hornung, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FITZGERALD, CLERK